

Section 1. Amendments to the Specification-Abstract

Please replace the original abstract of the application with a new abstract as set out a separate page in Appendix A hereof.

Section 2. Amendments to the Specification-Description

On page 1, please insert below the title, "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR STORING PROTEINS," and before the heading, "Field of the Invention," the following new paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §371 and claims the priority of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP2003/014786 filed December 23, 2003, which in turn claims priority of Great Britain Patent Application No.0230102.6 filed December 23, 2002.